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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (AASLT) Pre-Ranger Graduation and Evaluation Standards**

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to outline Graduation and Evaluation Standards for the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (AASLT) Pre-Ranger Course (PRC).

2. The Division Pre-Ranger Course trains and evaluates Soldiers to best prepare them to be successful at Ranger School. All Program of Instruction (POI) events fall into four categories: Drop Events, Scored Events, GO/NO-GO Events, and Graduation Requirements.

a. A Drop Event is any event in which failing to meet the minimum standard for that event results in immediate dismissal from the course. Soldiers who fail to meet the minimum standard of a Drop Event will cease training and be out-processed from the course. Soldiers dropped from the course for failing to meet the minimum standard of a Drop Event may return to PRC at the earliest opportunity. Drop Events can be Scored Events or GO/NO-GO Events.

b. A Scored Event is any event in which a Soldier's performance is scored on a point scale. All Scored Events are used to determine a Student's position in the class Order of Merit List (OML). The OML is used to determine the allocation of ATTRS slots for Ranger School within the Division.

c. A GO/NO-GO Event is any event that is evaluated by the Cadre, but is not scored. Failing to meet the minimum standard of a GO/NO-GO Event will result in the issuance of a SPOT Report. SPOT Reports are factored in when determining the OML for the class.

d. A Graduation Requirement is any event the Soldier must pass in order to successfully graduate the course. Soldiers who fail to pass all Graduation Requirements are non-graduates and will not be sent to Ranger School. The following events are Graduation Requirements:

(1) Ranger Physical Fitness Assessment (RPFA).

(2) Combat Water Survival Assessment (CWSA).

- (3) Land Navigation.
- (4) 12-Mile Foot March.
- (5) Ranger Tactical Tasks (RTT).

3. The Division Pre-Ranger Course consists of a total of seven evaluated events throughout the 15 day course:

a. Ranger Physical Fitness Assessment (RPFA): The RPFA is a Drop Event and Scored Event. Students that fail to meet the minimum standards of the RPFA are immediately released from the course. The RPFA is broken down into four events: push-ups, sit-ups, 5-mile run, and pull-ups.

(1) Push-ups: Students execute the push-up event IAW 4<sup>th</sup> RTBn Standards with a minimum score of 49 repetitions.

(2) Sit-ups: Students execute the sit-up event IAW 4<sup>th</sup> RTBn Standards with a minimum score of 59 repetitions.

(3) 5-mile Run: Students execute a 5-mile Run IAW 4<sup>th</sup> RTBn Standards with a minimum score of 40:00 minutes.

(4) Pull-ups: Students execute the pull-up event IAW 4<sup>th</sup> RTBn Standards with a minimum score of six repetitions.

b. Combat Water Survival Assessment (CWSA): The CWSA is a Drop Event and a GO/NO-GO Event. Students must complete all portions of the CWSA. Students who fail to successfully complete an event during the CWSA are immediately released from the course.

(1) Familiarization Swim: Students enter the pool and swim the entire length of the pool.

(2) Gear Ditch and Swim: Students enter the pool, ditch a FLC and rifle, and swim 15m.

c. Land Navigation: Land Navigation is a Scored Event. The minimum score is 4/5 points successfully found during one iteration. Students execute three iterations of graded Land Navigation. Each iteration is five (5) hours long and occurs during 2.5 hours of limited visibility and 2.5 hours of standard visibility. Soldiers who fail to pass one of the three iterations of Land Navigation will not graduate the course or attend

Ranger School. Soldiers will have the opportunity to insert into another class to pass Land Navigation.

d. 12-mile Foot March: The 12-mile Foot March is a Drop Event and Scored Event. Students execute a 12-mile foot march with the prescribed packing list. The minimum score is 3:00 hours. Students who fail to meet the minimum score are immediately released from the course.

e. Ranger Tactical Tasks (RTT): RTTs are a GO/NO-GO Event. Soldiers who fail four or more tasks will not graduate the course or attend Ranger School. Soldiers will have the opportunity to retest failed tasks at the end of the course. Students who fail the retest will have the ability to insert into another class to pass RTTs. Students complete the following Ranger Tactical Tasks:

- (1) Load, fire, and reduce stoppage on the M240.
- (2) Disassemble and reassemble the M240.
- (3) Load, fire, and reduce stoppage on the M249.
- (4) Disassemble and reassemble the M249.
- (5) Put an ASIP radio into operation.
- (6) Put an MBITR radio into operation.
- (7) Employ and recover the M18A1 claymore mine.

f. 2-mile Run/Obstacle Course: The 2-mile Run/Obstacle Course is a Scored Event and a GO/NO-GO Event. Students must complete a 2-mile Run and complete all events on the Air Assault obstacle course to standard.

(1) The 2-mile Run: Times will be recorded and will contribute to where the Student ranks on the OML.

(2) Failure to complete any obstacles listed below will result in a Spot Report and effect where the Student ranks on the OML.

- (a) Wall
- (b) Low Belly Over
- (c) Six Faults

- (d) Swing-stop Jump
- (e) Low Crawl
- (f) High Step Over
- (g) Tough One
- (h) Confidence Climb
- (i) Weaver

g. Graded Patrols: Graded Patrols are a GO/NO-GO Event. Students conduct graded patrols in order to evaluate their technical and tactical competency, decision making, and leadership.

(1) All Students will receive at least one (1) opportunity to be evaluated in one of the graded positions during graded patrolling. Graded Positions include:

- (a) Squad Leader (Planning)
- (b) Alpha Team Leader (Planning)
- (c) Bravo Team Leader (Planning)
- (d) Squad Leader (Actions On)
- (e) Alpha Team Leader (Actions On)
- (f) Bravo Team Leader (Actions On)

(2) All graded positions are evaluated utilizing the Graded Patrol Observation Report for that position. In order to receive a GO for a graded patrol, Students must meet the following criteria:

- (a) Complete and be evaluated on at least four (4) graded tasks.
- (b) Receive a GO on 70% of the tasks in which they are evaluated.

(3) Students who do not receive a GO on at least 70% of the tasks in which they are evaluated will receive a NO-GO for that graded patrol. Students do not have to pass a graded patrol in order to attend Ranger School.

5. Additional grounds for dismissal from the course:

a. Major Safety Violation: Any Student who receives a major safety violation will be placed on Serious Observation Report (SOR) Probation. The Student will attend a board consisting of the OIC and NCOIC where they will determine whether or not the Student is dropped from the course. Major safety violations include but are not limited to:

- (1) Failure to adhere to hydration standards as published by the Cadre.
- (2) Failure to adhere to uniform standards (e.g. wearing snivel gear when not authorized to do so).
- (3) Failure to adhere to "safety kill" guidelines during Patrols.
- (4) Intentionally leaving designated training areas at any point during the course (to include leaving designated 12-Mile Foot Marche route).
- (5) Intentionally de-activating HITs equipment during Land Navigation.
- (6) Failure to utilize the proper PPE when conducting mounted movement.
- (7) Returning 30 minutes or longer after the designated end time during Land Navigation.
- (8) Any action deemed grossly unsafe by the PRC OIC or NCOIC.

b. Absence from training: Any Student who misses more than three (3) hours of training due to sick call will be dropped from the course.

c. Integrity Violation: Any Student caught lying to PRC Instructors or cheating on any evaluated event are immediately dropped from the course and receive a 12 month Do Not Return (DNR) from the course unless they receive a waiver from an O6 in their chain of command.

d. Disrespect to Cadre: Disrespecting Cadre will not be tolerated and will result in the Student being placed on SOR Probation. All members involved will fill out a detailed Sworn Statement (DA Form 2823) explaining the situation. The Student will attend a board consisting of the OIC and NCOIC where they will determine whether or not the Student will be dropped from the course.

e. Medical Drop: Soldiers experiencing any medical issues will be evaluated by the medics on site. If the medics conducting the evaluation deem that the Soldier is unfit to continue the course due to a medical complication that Soldier will be dropped from the course. Medical Drops may return to the course at their earliest opportunity.

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f. Lack of Motivation (LOM): Soldiers who willingly withdraw from the course will be considered a drop for LOM. Soldiers who wish to withdraw from the course due to medical reasons will be evaluated by the medics on the ground. If the medics conducting the evaluation clear the Soldier to return to duty and the Soldier still chooses to withdraw from the course, they will be considered a LOM drop. LOMs receive a six month DNR unless they obtain a waiver signed by the first O5 in their chain of command.

g. Hot Weather Casualty: Students who are evaluated and assessed as a hot weather casualty will not attend PRC during summer classes, only winter classes. Winter classes are from 01 October to 01 March.

h. Cold Weather Casualty: Students that are evaluated and assessed as a cold weather casualty will not attend PRC during winter classes, only summer classes. Summer classes are from 01 March to 01 October.

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